

SIX STEAMSHIPS ARE WRECKED

Two of Them Lie in Dangerous Positions.

JEBBA UNDER A CLIFF

Lifeboat Reached the Scene, but Could Do Nothing.

SERBIA ON ROCKS AT SEDIL

Another Large Vessel Ashore Off Cuckmere—The Suevic Will Be a Total Wreck.

Special Cablegram to The Star.

LONDON, March 18.—A dispatch to Lloyds, from Prawle, on the Devonshire coast, says that the steamship Jebba is ashore on Bolt Tail, a rock cape that projects into the English channel, south of Bighury bay. The vessel is under a cliff, and heavy seas are breaking over her. A life boat reached the scene, but was unable to render any assistance.

Finally, by the use of a rocket apparatus on shore, all the people on board the Jebba were rescued by being pulled up the cliff. The ship will become a total wreck.

A dispatch to the Lloyds from the Barmouths says that the Italian mail steamship Serbia is ashore on the rocks at Sedil Bahr, Cape Helles. A salvage steamship will proceed from Chanak to assist her. The position of the steamship is very much exposed.

Sedil Bahr is on the Aegean coast of Salonika, just north of the Hallesport. A large vessel belonging to either the North German Lloyd or the Hamburg-American Steamship Company is ashore off Cuckmere.

Another steamship is ashore off Rye. Ashore Off Beachy Head.

NEW HAVEN, England, March 18.—A large vessel is ashore at Beachy Head. The New Haven life boat has gone to her assistance.

BEACHY HEAD, March 18.—The vessel ashore at Cuckmere is the British steamship Newstead. Her position is serious. The New Haven life boat is standing by her. There is a heavy fog.

The owners of the Jebba state that they have received word that the baggage and mail are under water and the hold is full of water.

Struck the Brandy.

LONDON, March 18.—Details received this morning of the disaster to the White Star Line steamer Suevic, homeward bound from Sydney, New South Wales, by way of Cape Town, with nearly 600 passengers and crew on board, show that she struck the Brandy close under the Lizard lighthouse at about 10 o'clock last night and probably will be a total wreck.

Only a total wreck. The lifeboats and the mainmast of the ship were seen to rise from the Lizard and the Lizard soon reached the scene and together with the Suevic's own boats, commenced landing the passengers. The women and children were first sent ashore. There were no fewer than 100 children on board, many of them being babies in arms, whom the local fishermen and the wives lifted out of the boats and carried through the surf to nearby cottages.

A fresh wind, rough sea and fog hampered earlier landing operations, but the fog lifted at about 7 in the morning and thence forward boats loaded with passengers were sent ashore in quick succession.

Passengers All Landed.

By 1 p.m. all the passengers had been landed, but the crew was still standing by the wreck.

Capt. Selby, commander of the Suevic, had been at sea for thirty-nine years, and this was to have been his voyage.

The North German Lloyd line steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II during the morning passed close astern of the Suevic, which was then thronged with passengers. The wrecked steamer's bow was low in the water, but her compartments were full and she seemed to be pumpeled on the rocks.

As rescue assistance was standing by the White Star line steamer the Kaiser Wilhelm II, which had been going slow for two hours, owing to the fog, did not stop, but proceeded for Plymouth, where she arrived shortly after 4 a.m.

Steamers, some of which are described as being large, are assured near Rye, Dunquerque, and Cuckmere. The vessel ashore off Cuckmere is the British steamer Newstead, from Novorossiysk, Black sea. Her position is serious.

RECEIVED BY THE POPE.

Reception Today to Members of the Sacred College.

ROME, March 18.—The pope today received the members of the sacred college, led by the dean, cardinal Gregorio Di Santo Stefano, who rendered him his greetings on the occasion of his name day. It was remarked that the pontiff did not make the least allusion to the situation in France, but merely thanked the cardinals most warmly, expressing the satisfaction which he experienced at seeing them all in good health.

He also referred to the rules regarding the appointment in the Vatican for cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary of state, saying that he rejoiced at the fact that the negro concluded that they were United States secret service detectives and let the secret out.

The man who talked said his name was D. C. Gray and that he was formerly a gas fitter in Company B of the 25th Infantry.

PRONOUNCED A FAKE

Alleged Confession Regarding Brownsville Riot.

D. C. GRAY NOT IN REGIMENT

Statement of the Galveston Chief of Police.

MATTER BEFORE COMMITTEE

Telegram From Maj. Blocksom—Senator Foraker Thinks That Origin of Story Should Be Discovered.

Chairman Warren of the Senate committee on military affairs, which is investigating the Brownsville affair, today received from Secretary Taft a copy of a dispatch from San Antonio, Tex., as follows: "The Adjutant General, United States Army, Washington: 'Chief of police, Galveston, has just wired me that the confession of Gray, supposed discharged soldier, appearing in papers today, is a fake.'"

"BLOCKSOM, Major." The dispatch relates to an alleged confession printed in a Galveston newspaper and sent broadcast through the country.

Matter Before the Committee. The first subject to occupy the attention of the Senate committee on military affairs today was this alleged confession which was in the effect that one D. C. Gray, formerly a private in Company C, had confessed that he had taken part in the shooting up of Brownsville and that he would give evidence concerning his knowledge if he could be protected.

Major Blocksom's telegram was laid before the committee by Senator Warren. Senator Foraker then stated that he had also learned that there is no man named D. C. Gray a member of Company B or of any other company stationed at Brownsville.

"There were two men named Gray in Company C," said Mr. Foraker, "but their initials were different. I made inquiry this morning and I learned that none of these men can be reached in Indiana and another in North Carolina, according to their last known address. If the committee desire I will have them subpoenaed at once so they may come here, but I suppose it is not necessary in view of the telegram from Major Blocksom."

Senator Warren, however, thought that it was not necessary to summon the men in view of the information before the committee, and he asked that they be put in the record. He said he thought that some means should be taken to discover how such a "fake" was originated.

Some Vexation Expressed. Some vexation was expressed in certain official quarters today that Maj. Blocksom's telegram to Adj. Gen. Ainsworth was not made public last night, as in that case the "fake" confession would have been exposed at once from Galveston, as it was, and published in the morning papers in all parts of the United States. It is stated that if the "fake" confession had been made public last night, it would have been a great help to the investigation.

Secretary Taft is out of the city today and Assistant Secretary Oliver, who is acting secretary, is said, was not in the city. The adjutant general of the receipt of the Blocksom dispatch until this morning.

Overman Corrects Publication. When Senator Overman arrived at a published interview in which he was represented as saying that he had known of Gray's confession for two weeks was shown to him.

"I said," he said, "that I had seen a report two weeks previously in the New York World to the effect that there was a negro who would confess if he had the protection of the government. I sent this clipping to the Secretary of War and asked him if he would make inquiry into the matter."

Senator Warren then again suggested that the editor who would publish such a statement should be required to show the ground on which he based his report.

Senator Warren said the committee could not follow up every fake, but if information could be secured the committee should send for witnesses.

Senator Foraker said he did not hear of this report at the time. If he had he would have been very anxious to get the man who was alleged to have information.

Senator Warren had not heard the report before.

The Alleged Confession. GALVESTON, Tex., March 18.—The Galveston News yesterday printed the alleged confession of a discharged negro soldier in explanation of the midnight riot of negro soldiers of the 25th Infantry who "shot up" Brownsville, Tex., August 13, 1906.

The News says a statement was made by one of the discharged negro soldiers, and that after seven months of investigation by the authorities of the United States what appeared to be the version of the riot had come to light. The discharged soldier admits that he participated in the riot. This man has been living in Galveston since he returned from the barracks after committing the assault on the town, and many soldiers assisted in the hurried cleaning of the guns for the inspection which followed the shooting.

According to the alleged statement, the outrage was not premeditated, but was the result of an alleged injury done one of the soldiers by a white man in Brownsville about half an hour before the riot started. The negro, the story says, was struck by the white man, a resort in Brownsville. The negro, returning to the barracks, seized his rifle and announced that he was going to kill the white man.

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AT SEVENTY.

COQUETTING WITH LABOR.

Bryan Throws Bouquets at Unions in Chicago Speech.

CHICAGO, March 18.—William J. Bryan, at the closing conference yesterday in connection with the industrial exhibit, expressed the opinion that trade unions have done more good for this country than any force in the country.

"The unions have made some mistakes, but they have accomplished more good," was the keynote of his speech. He paid a tribute especially to the organizations of women in this connection.

"When we consider that through trade unions wages have been increased, hours shortened and comfort afforded the workmen in greater measure," he said, "I think we have a right to say the benefits resulting from these unions cannot be overestimated."

Perhaps no other force in the country ever has been so effective for improvement in the citizenship and general moral qualities of our people.

"The Australian ballot system, for one thing, is largely due to an element of support, and there was reselling of stocks bought at the decline merely for the purpose of supporting the market."

Conspicuous Declines. The conspicuous declines were: Northern Pacific and Anaconda, 3%; Canadian Pacific, 3%; Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie, 4%; Union Pacific and Reading, 2%; Great Northern preferred, 2%; Smelter, 2%; Southern Pacific, 2%; Atchafalaya, 2%; Amalgamated Copper and Sloss-Sheffield, 2; and a long list of the most active stocks from 1 to 2 points. Prices rebounded almost immediately to 1 1/2, and while the recoveries were not fully held, the excitement abated largely.

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THE RUSH TO REALIZE

BREAK IN PRICES FROM HEAVY SELLING ON 'CHANGE TODAY.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Excitement was revived in the stock market today by a break of disturbing proportions in the opening dealings. The outpouring of stocks was attributed to a rush to realize at the buoyant recovery which had been achieved on Friday and Saturday from the extreme depression of Thursday. Speculative sentiment was practically agreed that the recovery had been too violent and too rapid to be healthy.

The wide declines registered in London before the market opened here shook the nerves of many holders who had safely weathered the storm of last week. Large reductions of the short accounts resulting from the rush to cover on Saturday also depressed the market of an element of support, and there was reselling of stocks bought at the decline merely for the purpose of supporting the market.

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SUICIDE BY INHALING GAS.

Austrian Driven to Desperate Deed by Failure to Secure Work.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Unable to obtain employment as a bookkeeper although he claimed to be an expert in his profession and proficient as well in three languages—English, French and German—Luigi Deboise, thirty-five years of age, committed suicide in his home in West 17th street today by inhaling gas. Deboise was a native of Austria, and up to a few months ago had employment at Trieste. When he lost his position there and was unable to obtain another he decided to come to America, and, with his wife, settled in this city.

For weeks after their arrival the man searched for work unsuccessfully, and finally, when their funds became exhausted, the wife obtained a position as chambermaid and supported herself and her husband. Deboise continued the vain search for employment, becoming more and more despondent as the weeks went by, and when his wife returned from her work early today she found the room filled with gas and her husband lying dead on the bed.

Deboise had attached a rubber tube to a gas jet and after turning on the gas, had placed the other end of the tube in his mouth.

NOT TO BOOM TAFT. Publication Regarding Gov. Deneen's Visit Denied.

Secretary Loeb has denied published statements that the White House conference Saturday, in which Gov. Charles S. Deneen and Attorney General Stead participated, was for the purpose of promoting the candidacy of Secretary Taft for the presidency. The story originated, it is said, from the fact that Secretary Taft and his brother, Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, came to the executive office while the President was in conference with the Illinois officials and were introduced to the President's visitors. The only reference made to politics during the conference was that the President asked Gov. Deneen regarding the majority fight in Chicago.

Send Tents and Rations. Acting Secretary Oliver has received a telegram from the mayor and the postmaster of the town of Wellsburg, W. Va., asking for \$4,000 to be applied to the relief of the destitute people of that place, two-thirds of whom are homeless. The least depth of water in the town is said to be two feet and the greatest depth twenty-six feet.

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FLOODHURT BUSINESS

Transportation Crippled in Ohio River Territory.

RELIEF WORK CONTINUED

Much Suffering and Destitution Reported in Wheeling.

BUSINESS HOUSES NOT YET OPEN

Tracks Congested With Freight Cars—Appeal to Secretary of War for Tents and Supplies.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 18.—The Ohio river continued to rise during the night, but the rate grew less as the hours passed, the water having wider spread. Early today the river passed 61.5, and only two-tenths of a foot had been added to that five hours later. Doubt was expressed today whether the river would reach 63 feet, as had been previously estimated. Relief work was continued by the local charitable organizations, so that those made destitute by the high waters were promptly cared for. Students felt the flood chiefly through the transportation end, the railways suffering most in Cincinnati terminals, which were under water or so surrounded by the flood as to be of little service.

By the break in the connecting link with the western end of the city and its suburbs through the collapse of the 8th street viaduct yesterday there was inconvenience and serious delay not only to the traction lines and the passenger traffic with that section, but the break also affected the general railroad situation by shutting off the access to one of the more important of the temporary flood-passing stations.

At 4 a.m. the stage of the Ohio river was 61.5. Stationary since 2 a.m.

WHEELING RECOVERING. Middle of Week Before Business Can Be Resumed.

WHEELING, W. Va., March 18.—The river has returned to its channel and Wheeling is slowly recovering from the flood. The principal work today was relieving the suffering and destitution, which is greater than ever before known in this city.

A relief station supplied with goods furnished by voluntary subscriptions was opened today, and there was a great rush of refugees about the place. By noon about 1,000 persons had been supplied with food, clothing and coal. Fortunately the bright sunshine minimizes the suffering somewhat.

It will be the middle of the week, however, before business can resume. Big gangs of men are at work in the wide district, in which not one of the 100 or more establishments escaped the high water. The task of replacing goods in the warehouses will require a great deal of time, and completely block the ordinary custom of business.

The funerals of eight of the Syrian victims, whose bodies were recovered from the flood, will be held simultaneously tomorrow morning under the auspices of the Catholic Church. Bishop Donohue will officiate. The railroads had all succeeded in getting the floodwaters out of the tracks, and the street cars are also running again.

Miles of Freight Cars Tied Up. Special Dispatch to The Star.

CUMBERLAND, Md., March 18.—It was stated last night that there were two miles of cars loaded with perishable freight detained by the flood on the Pittsburg division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

The cars are many miles of cars of other freight tied up, but as many trains as possible are now being moved. The ice has been out of the tanks in the perishable cars for nearly three days. Only one track is available on the Pittsburg division for much of the distance, and the great freight congestion seriously interferes with the running of passenger trains. Large gangs are at work repairing the damage. Passenger trains are generally consolidated.

An attempt has been made to run on schedule, but it is believed that today a slow schedule can be inaugurated. The Pennsylvania railroad has been used by the Baltimore and Ohio between Conowingo and Pittsburg.

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